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Snow files against Melot for Business Committee post



Election Committee Members For 2003: Front Row, Carrie Kieffer, Don Yott; Back Row, Harold Trousdale, Gary Bourbonnais, David Bourbonnais

Citizen Potawatomi Nation voters will make a choice in one race in 2003 elections. In a Jan. 6-8 filing period, a contested race developed for the Business Committee #2 seat.

Hilton L. Melot of Tecumseh, Oklahoma, the incumbent, and Jim Snow, a Lexington, Oklahoma business owner, filed for the Business Committee position. Linda Marie Lacey of Shawnee, Oklahoma and Kathy E. Pemberton of Oklahoma City filed for the Grievance Committee position. However, Lacey withdrew.

The Grievance Committee positions #1 and #3 drew just one candidate each. As a result, Tanya Peltier, a Shawnee resident, and Victor Allen Cope II of Tecumseh, director of the Native American Students program in the Tecumseh schools and a minister, were elected to two-year terms on the committee.

In accordance with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation election ordinance, Peltier's, Cope's and Pemberton's names will appear on the ballot, accompanied by the designation "unopposed." On election day, they will "be deemed elected to that office."

The candidate filings became official when no challenges had been lodged by the 5 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 11 deadline.

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A request for absentee ballots is printed in this HowNiKan, on page 14. It must be returned to the Election Committee — at P.O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74868 — no later than 20 days prior to the election, which is scheduled for Saturday, June 28, 2003.

Absentee ballot requests may be written, printed, or typed. They must include the correct mailing address, roll number, and legal signature of the person making the request.

When voting by absentee ballot, a tribal member must mark his ballot, seal it in an inner envelope and ensure that the ballot "is timely delivered (no later than Sunday, June 8, 2003)."

According to the election ordinance, "Only the outer envelope shall have the voter's name, return address, roll number, and legal signature written upon it. Ballots will not be counted unless (a) legal signature is provided."

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. on June 28, the day of the General Council meeting.

CPN impact on economy tops \$56 million in 2001

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation's government programs and owned-and-operated businesses had an economic impact of more than \$56 million dollars in 2001. That benefit was felt in the area surrounding the Nation's Shawnee headquarters and across the State of Oklahoma.

The conclusion is a result of a study of the Nation's expenditures, performed by the CPN

Office of Self-Governance.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation's health and social services programs serve an estimated 11,273 American Indians who live in the CPN's service area. It includes Pottawatomie County and the eastern half of Cleveland County.

"We use tribal tax commission proceeds and enterprise profits to provide higher

Nation represented at international human rights conference in Switzerland

The chairman of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation was the highest-ranking American Indian official attending a United Nations human rights conference in Geneva, Switzerland in December 2002. The meeting was the eighth Intersessional United Nations Human Rights Commission.

Chairman John A. Barrett Jr. attended the conference, along with G. William Rice, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Supreme Court Chief Justice. Rice has attended these meetings in the past.

The meeting of the Working Group on the Draft Declaration was held Dec. 7-14. Its major focus was continuing work on the Declaration of Human Rights for Indigenous

Peoples. The working group hosting this meeting is nearing completion of its task, says Rice.

The Working Group on Indigenous Populations developed a draft of the declaration in 1990, Rice said. "It has moved up the chain of command (since then)," he explained.

The declaration would not be a binding treaty. "It's a moral statement," Rice said. "It's one of those 'ya-ought-to' statements. It's one that countries use to get after each other when they don't behave right."

The draft declaration working group is finalizing wording of the document, in preparation for moving it through two more committees, then to the UN General Assembly for a final decision.

Rice sees the important effect of the declaration being to recognize that indigenous people have a right to sovereignty.

Article Three of the declaration states that "indigenous peoples have a right to self-determination and, by virtue of that right, they (can) freely determine their political, economic, and social status," Rice said.

Rice draws a distinction between what the Declaration on Indigenous Peoples' Rights envisions as self-determination and what is practiced by tribal governments in the U.S. under the federal Indian Self-Determination Act.

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TRIBAL TRACTS

Walking on ...

Donald Wesley Walter

Donald Wesley Walter, 84, died July 30, 2002, in Destin, Fla. He was born on Feb. 3, 1918, in Hawarden, Iowa, the son of William M. and Maude (Muller) Walter.

Walter was an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and a descendant of James B. and Mary (Stevens) Muller and Alex and Elisha Muller. He graduated from Beresford, South Dakota High School and Delhi, New York Agricultural College. He attended Boston University's School of Theology.

He served in the Civilian Conservation Corps and was a veteran of World War II, having served his country in the Army Air Corps. He later worked for Arden Farms in Harriman, New York.

In 1961, he entered the ministry of the United Methodist Church, where he faithfully served for 23 years before retiring in 1984. During that time, he was pastor of numerous churches, including the Callicoon and Grahamsville Charges in the New York Conference and the Equinunk, Damascus, and Center Moreland Charges in the Wyoming Conference.

Walter retired to Spring Hill, Fla., later moving to Defuniak Springs, Fla.

He loved the rural churches and communities he served in New York and Pennsylvania. He greatly enjoyed work-

ing with young people in the youth ministry programs. He faithfully visited people in their homes and in hospitals. He was a kind and generous person and will be missed greatly by family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, LeRoy, Leonard, James, and Kenneth "Milt"; and a sister, Norma.

He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Natalie E. (Eden) Walter; four daughters and sons-in-law, Kathleen and Robert Wood of Equinunk, Mary and Dennis Henkel of Coral Gables, Fla., Deborah and Kerry Nickou of Brown-ing, Mont., and Elizabeth Maude and Paul McShane of Niceville, Fla.; six grandchildren, Denise, Julie, Thomas, Donald, Erin, and Kelly; three great-grandchildren, Robert, John, and Benjamin; a sister, Veva Lothrop of Sioux Falls, S.D.; and many nieces and nephews.

Edward Ralph Rumpf

Edward Ralph Rumpf, 54, of Konawa, Oklahoma and a former Shawnee resident, died Wednesday, November 13, 2002, in an Ada, Oklahoma hospital.

Survivors include his stepfather, Lloyd Williamson; the mother of his children, Vicky Debtor; two daughters, Lindsey Rumpf of Konawa and Kaitlen Rumpf of Tulsa; two sisters, Patricia (Rumpf) Carson of Konawa and Angelique (Williamson) Williams of Oklahoma City; and many other family members and friends.

A rosary was performed at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, November 15, at the home of Patricia Carson.

A service was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 16, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with the Rev. Matthew Brown, O.S.B., officiating. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by Pickard-Swearingen Funeral Home of Konawa.

Laura L. VanSchuyver

Laura L. VanSchuyver, 74, of Lexington, Okla., died Thursday, Sept. 26, 2002, at her home. She was born May 8, 1928, at Stratford, Okla., the daughter of Robert and Opal (Holloway) Horner.

Mrs. VanSchuyver married S.W. VanSchuyver on Jan. 5, 1945. She was a homemaker. She loved to grow and arrange flowers and also spent time crocheting and quilting.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by her husband, S.W. VanSchuyver, on July 11, 1984.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Anita and Larry Bathurst of Abilene, Kans.; three sons and daughters-in-law, Jim and Joy VanSchuyver of Houston and Jack and Susan VanSchuyver and Jerry and Gloria VanSchuyver, all of Lexington; a son, Wayne VanSchuyver of Lexington; five grandchildren, Rhonda, Dale and Laura Bathurst and Lance and Misty VanSchuyver; two great-grandchildren, Gabriel Bathurst and Catherine Charnoky; and five sisters, Julia Booth of Meeker, Okla., Mildred Lightner of Eureka, Calif., Edith Nail of Tecumseh, Fronia Mae Roberson of McAlester, Okla. and Narvel Thompson of Muskogee, Okla.

A service was held at the Wanette, Okla. Cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by Yoakum-Damet Funeral Home of Purcell, Okla.

Ruth Agnes Hill

Ruth Agnes Hill, 79, died on Monday, Oct. 7, 2002, in Chickasha, Okla. She was born on June 2, 1923, in Wanette, the daughter of Jerome and Ana (Bertrand) Melot.

Hill grew up in Wanette. She married Claud Hill on Nov. 16, 1941, in Konawa, Okla. At the beginning of World War II, she moved to Oklahoma City while her husband served in the armed forces. In 1947, the Hills moved to Verden, Okla.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Vera Jean Dwelley.

Survivors include her husband, Claud Hill, of the home; a daughter, Patsy Vaughn of Anadarko, Okla.; two brothers, Herbert Melot of Shawnee and Roy Melot of Arizona; two sisters, Edna Blevins of Verden and Thelma Hampton of Chickasha; a grandson and his wife, Matthew and Alena Polly of Chickasha; a great-granddaughter, Katelyn Polly of Chickasha; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, Oct. 10, 2002, at Verden First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Edward Whitley officiating. Burial was in Fairlawn Cemetery in Chickasha.

Shawn Lee Skelly

Shawn Lee Skelly, 28, of Ardmore, Oklahoma, a former Shawnee resident, died Sunday, October 6, 2002, near Ardmore. He was born April 15, 1974, in Shawnee, the son of Kenneth and Theresa (Harper) Skelly.

Skelly married Alyssa Kana on June 20, 1998, in Ardmore. He lived in the

Ardmore and was an emergency medical technician with the Southern Oklahoma Ambulance Service. He worked as a supervisor and EVOC instructor at Southern Oklahoma Ambulance.

He was the ambulance service's employee of the year in 2000. He was a member of First Christian Church in Ardmore, where he taught a Sunday school class.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Survivors include his wife, Alyssa Skelly, of the home; a daughter, Samantha Rane Skelly; a son, Cole Joseph-Randall Skelly; his parents, Kenneth and Theresa Skelly of Shawnee; three sisters, April Skelly and Courtney Skelly, both of Shawnee, and Shanna Skelly of Tecumseh; a brother and sister-in-law, Travis and Jaymee Skelly of Ohio; a grandmother, Ailene Skelly of Shawnee; a grandfather, Don Harper of Milford, Texas; and three nephews.

A service was held on Wednesday, October 9, at First Christian Church of Ardmore with the Rev. Doug Miller officiating. Burial was in Rosehill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Mike Talkington, Phillip Sloan, Dustin Terry, Bob Hargis, Chris Whittsett, Doug Miller, Travis Skelly, and Justin Kana.

Arrangements were handled by Craddock Funeral Home of Ardmore.

The poem "Paramedic's Prayer" was included in Skelly's funeral program:

Paramedic's Prayer

Lord, as I treat my patient,
Help me to be wise.

Let me see their problems
through your discerning eyes.

Guide me, Lord, and use me,
in everything I do,

for you're the Great Physician,
and I long to be like you.

Poetry Contest

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation will be hosting a poetry contest this Fall/Winter. Please send entries to Poetry Contest, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801 or e-mail them to poetry@potawatomi.org.

ENTRY DEADLINE
IS APRIL 1, 2003

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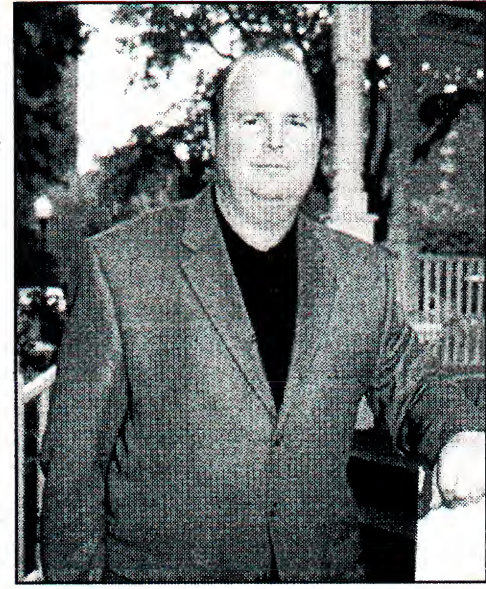
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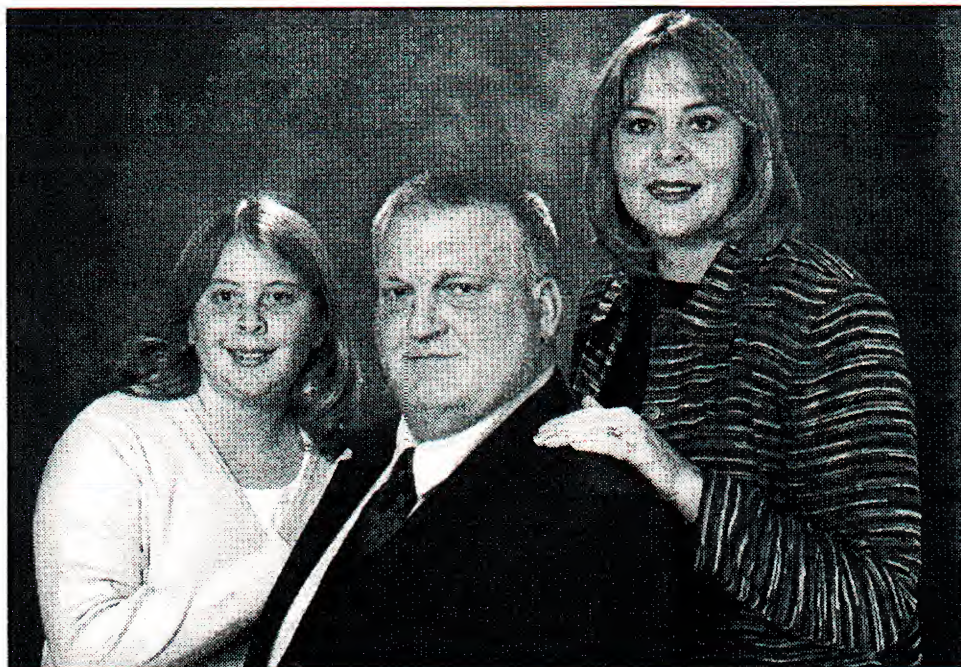
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Our Work Continues!

An important letter from

The Executive Officers of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation

Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Secretary/Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale, and I thank you for re-electing Linda and electing D. Wayne in the 2002 election. But, our task is not complete. Please elect a professional, competent, dedicated candidate in the 2003 Business Committee, Position Two election. Ms. Capps, Mr. Trousdale, and I endorse Jim Snow and ask for your support and vote for him.



**Jim Snow, Center, With
Daughter Jordyn, Left,
and Wife Jeralyn, Right**

Your vote is critical! Please help.



Operation Christmas volunteers, from left, Shari Dockrey and Tanya Reeser sort cans of food for the Operation Christmas store.



Linda Capps presents a \$5,000 donation check to Operation Christmas treasurer Kirsten Norholm, second from left. With them are, from left, Lurleen Hill, Operation Christmas secretary; Bill Currans, Operation Christmas chairman; and Linda Canada, manager of the CPN's FireLake Entertainment Center.

Tribe's annual gift helps program help others

Pottawatomie County's Operation Christmas used a \$5,000 donation from the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and many, many other contributions to ensure a happier Christmas for hundreds of Pottawatomie countians.

"We are so pleased that our businesses' success allows us to share with our neighbors," said Linda Capps, Citizen Potawatomi Nation vice chairman.

Operation Christmas provides food, clothing, and gifts for several hundred residents of Shawnee and the surrounding area.

Volunteers set up a Christmas store in the former State Human Services Department facility at the intersection of Ford and Kennedy in Shawnee and began distribution from that facility just before Christmas.

"We provide them with food, (with a choice of) beef, chicken, or turkey," said Bill Currans, Operation Christmas chairman. "We give them all of the vegetables to go with it."

The clothing area is set up as a store. "They can come right in and shop," Currans said. "We give them a bag, and they get what they want."

People getting Operation Christmas assistance are not limited on the amount of clothing they can choose.

Currans says the Christmas store also offers toys for holiday gifts for children. Many of the toys are used but are in good shape. "If you wouldn't have it, then we don't want it," is Currans' message to donors.

Operation Christmas officials do not set income guidelines for the people it assists. Currans says anyone is welcome.

Last year's move from the Municipal Auditorium in downtown to the new distri-

bution center allows year-round operations. "We can work year-round, and we can help people year-round," said Lurleen Hill, Operation Christmas board secretary.

Hill said the move also provides more parking and convenience for Operation Christmas.

Currans said Operation Christmas' success is built on the generosity of a wide range of donors, including children. "(For instance), I can't say enough about the Dale School," he said. "That little school...we hauled two 16-foot trailer loads of canned goods

to the store." Tecumseh Schools also delivered a couple of trucks full of canned goods.

The economic downturn has not cut into Operation Christmas' donations. On the contrary, Currans said, Pottawatomie countians seem to have been even more generous this year.

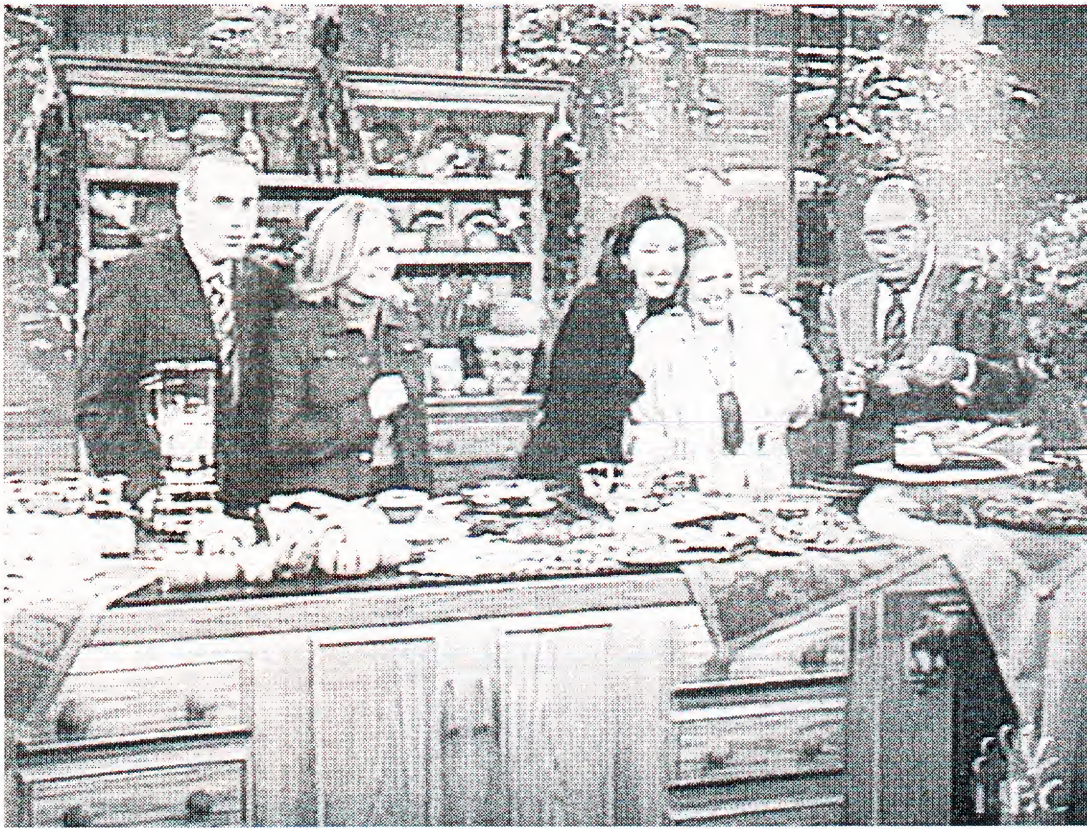
"We are blessed this year. I thought it would be worse, because of the economic conditions," he explained.

Currans and Hill did expect an increase in the number of people who receive assistance through Operation Christmas.



In addition to the Christmas Store donation, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and its employees undertook other efforts to make the holidays a brighter time for Shawnee area residents. One of those was donation of Christmas food baskets to deserving families. At left, Tim Zientek, Housekeeping Director, and Donnie Warren, of the Networking Department, unload crates of food. At right, two recipients pause as they select food items.





Left: Today show interviewer Ann Curry hugs American Indian chef Loretta Barrett Oden as Today Show hosts Matt Lauer and Katie Couric look on from the left and weatherman Al Roker is tempted by the Indian dish Oden prepared. Above: Oden beams as she prepares to answer a question from Curry during the pre-Thanksgiving show. (Photos courtesy The Today Show)

Potawatomi chef cooks for national TV audience

Viewers of NBC's Today show awoke the Wednesday before Thanksgiving to a treat — a chance to learn about ... and how to prepare ... traditional American Indian foods for their holiday meal.

Loretta Barrett Oden, a Shawnee, Oklahoma native and renowned Indian chef/food historian, dispensed the advice. Oden has returned to central Oklahoma, now living in Tecumseh.

Oden is opening a restaurant, Corn Dance Cafe at FireLake, in Shawnee. It will be in the space above the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's FireLake golf course featuring a panoramic view of the course from its balcony dining area.

Interviewer Ann Curry introduced the Today Show segment saying, "Before the Pilgrims celebrated the first Thanksgiving, Native Americans grew and harvested the food that influenced the holiday meal, as we know it today."

Oden credited "my grandmother, my mom, my aunt" with teaching her about Indian foods and sparking an early interest in cooking.

"The kitchen was the place where you learned," Oden added. "Our culture, as any culture is, is really about food."

She pointed out that the Three Sisters -corn, beans, and squash- are the common thread in native cuisine across the Americas. "(They) are ancient, ancient foods. They've been cultivated by the people for thousands of years," she said.

Corn, beans, and squash are the centerpiece for companion planting, Oden said. "The plants help each other grow, and that's what the story of the Three Sisters is."

Oden described the Three Sisters' symbiosis in this manner: The bean vine uses the cornstalk as a trellis while fixing the nitrogen in the soil for all three plants, after the corn has depleted them. The squash, meanwhile, holds moisture in the ground and smothers weeds.

"It's really about these three foods (being) eaten and grown together," Oden said. "And, they form a perfect protein."

Curry continued the interview as Oden prepared a Sage Pesto. "It's a really simple thing. We don't do a lot of measuring," Oden said.

"It's the only way to cook. It's from the heart, (with) feeling," Curry responded.

Oden is one of the forces spearheading a Native foods renaissance. In addition to the Today Show appearance, she is filming a 13-part series, "Seasoned with Spirit — A Native Chef's Journey with Loretta Barrett Oden." The series is being produced by Seattle's PBS station (KCTS-TV).

She is writing a companion cookbook with recipes she calls, "pre-Acadian and pre-Emeril (Lagasse)."

She is also a featured chef and Viking legacy artist in residence at

Copia: The American Center for Wine, Food and The Arts in Napa Valley, founded by vintner Robert Mondavi. As such, she headlines Copia's Native cuisines dinners and demonstrations every October.

"I defy the stereotypical fry bread and mutton stew image of Indian foods," Oden says.

"Food is the common denominator of all cultures," she adds. "I'm trying to heighten people's awareness that our indigenous peoples are as incredibly diverse as are the foods of the Americas."

Tribal member dies aiding accident victims

By KIMBERLY D. MORAVA
Shawnee News-Star Staff Writer

A Citizen Potawatomi tribal member and Shawnee High School graduate was one of two paramedics who were killed on the job in a triple fatality crash on Sunday, Oct. 6, 2002, in Ardmore, Okla. That accident prompted Shawnee REACT paramedics to reflect on their profession and offer support to fellow EMS medics.

Shawn L. Skelly, 28, of Ardmore died at the scene of the accident in Carter County. Skelly was a 1993 Shawnee High School graduate.

The accident occurred during wet conditions and rainy weather as Skelly and another medic helped an accident victim after her vehicle went off the roadway, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol reports. As the medics helped her, they were struck by a sport utility vehicle.

The driver of a 2001 Ford Explorer was attempting to change lanes because of the emergency vehicles. That driver lost control of his vehicle on wet pavement and struck all three people, as well as the rear of the parked ambulance, the OHP said. Both medics and the patient died at the scene.

The other paramedic was identified as Michael Shane Gilmore, 31, Ardmore. The patient was Marilyn Melson, 69, of Plano, Texas. The driver of the sport utility vehicle, Christopher M. Estep, 21, of Spring, Texas, was pinned in the wreckage about 30 minutes. He and a passenger were treated and released.

The medics' deaths hit close to home for local medics, many of whom knew Skelly. Greg Reid, director of REACT EMS, said two local paramedics traveled with flowers to Ardmore on Monday, Oct. 7, including a medic

who personally knew Skelly. They also visited his family.

As fellow EMS workers, Reid said he and others at REACT are dealing with this situation. He and all medics who take care of patients on interstates know the risks and can identify with what has happened. "It's hard enough to see it from a distance," he said. "We know they hurt right now. It's just a sobering effect that's put us in shock."

"It's tragic," Reid said. "We'll support them in any way we can. We're dealing with this as part of an EMS community."

Several REACT medics attended Skelly's funeral services. REACT took one of its ambulances to services for the procession. Local medics also volunteered to help cover shifts for Ardmore area paramedics so they could attend funeral services.

Gov.-elect holds historic meeting with Oklahoma's tribal leaders

Tribal leaders and representatives who attended say they cannot remember an incoming Oklahoma governor's meeting with Indian Country representatives before his inauguration.

Gov.-elect Brad Henry, D-Shawnee, invited tribal leaders to a get-acquainted session at the state capitol on Dec. 12, 2002.

Gov. Henry told the tribal leaders, "This meeting is just the beginning." He said he intends to have a regular dialogue with tribal leaders, featuring regular meetings. He said tribal leaders will find that his administration will be different from past administrations on Indian issues.

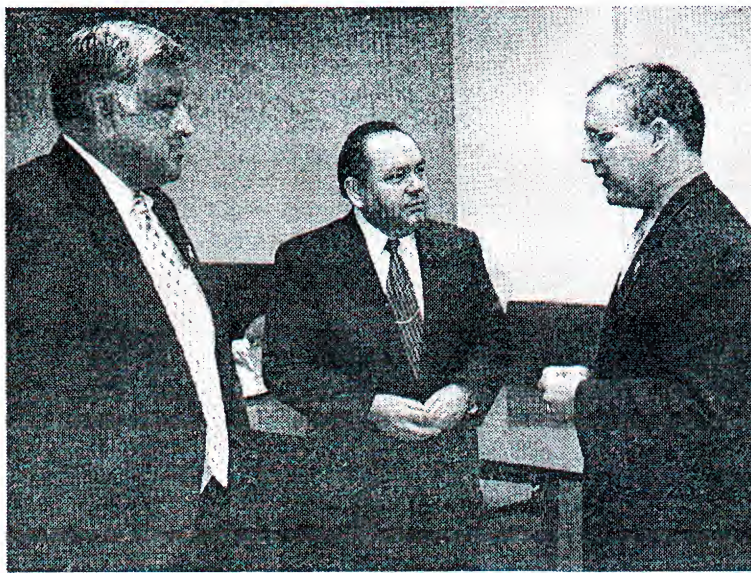
Gov. Henry did not directly address the pending negotiations on tobacco compacts or his attitude toward gaming compacts. He did note that tribes have a tremendous economic impact on Oklahoma, saying he would like to leverage that, making it better.

Henry also said he understands and has a great respect for tribal sovereignty.

Larry Adair, Oklahoma House Speaker, and Cal Hobson, incoming Senate President Pro Tem, also attended.

Speaker Adair, who is a Cherokee tribal member, said he had enjoyed a good working relationship with tribes. He recalled having worked on negotiations for motor fuels, tobacco, and law enforcement compacts.

Speaker Adair said he, too, believes it is important to have an open dialogue with tribal governments and likes the idea of regular meetings. He said he is



Oklahoma Gov.-Elect Brad Henry, Right, Visits With Perry Beaver, Left, And Bill Anaotubby, Right

open to new ideas and wants to know what the tribes' issues are.

Rep. Adair indicated the state is facing a very serious tax revenue shortfall on the order of \$600 million in the current fiscal year.

Sen. Hobson recognized the role Indian voters played in 2002 elections in Oklahoma. He said there is no doubt that Gov. Henry would not have been elected without the voter registration efforts of several tribes.

And, Hobson added, there are at least two state senate races in which Indian votes made the difference between electing a Democrat and losing the seat to a Republican. He said that, with a slim majority in the senate, having retained those seats is very important to him.

The tribal leaders and representatives described the impact

their enterprises and government programs have on the state.

Speaking for the Choctaw Nation, Tommy Thomas, a former state representative, said the Choctaws would like to negotiate a gaming compact that would better define and "contain" non-complying gaming machines.

Thomas said the tribes would benefit by gaining certainty that their machines would be legal, not having to spend a lot of money on lawsuits defending the machines. He indicated the Choctaws are ready to "make some concessions" and "give the state some regulatory oversight" over gaming.

In addition to the Citizen Potawatomi and Choctaw Nations, the Cherokee, Chickasaw, and Muscogee (Creek) Nations sent tribal leaders or representatives to the meeting.



Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anaotubby, Sen. Cal Hobson, Gov. Brad Henry, House Speaker Larry Adair, Perry Beaver, ????

Tribes win negotiating delay on state tobacco compacts

By MICHAEL DODSON

A dozen Oklahoma tribal governments, including the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, have won a delay in renegotiation of their tobacco tax compacts.

Gov. Frank Keating's office had sent letters indicating a desire to renegotiate tobacco tax compacts with the tribes, whose compacts expire by the end of March 2003.

Howard Barnett, Keating's chief of staff, had been quoted saying the governor's office would like to increase the percentage of tobacco taxes the tribes remit to the state government under the compacts. Currently, tribes send the state 25 percent of the state's 23-cents-per-pack tax.

Barnett would not be pinned down on a specific negotiating target. However, he refused to rule out a state goal of increasing its take to 50 percent.

Following an initial meeting at the Osage's Tribe's Pawhuska, Oklahoma offices in early November, ten of the affected tribes met on Dec. 4, in person at the Osage Tribe's offices and via telephone conference call.

Those tribal representatives reached a consensus position which included seeking extension of the current compacts through June 30, 2003 and declining Gov. Keating's invitation to renegotiate.

Instead, they sought, and won, a delay in renegotiation until after Gov.-elect Brad Henry, D-Shawnee, takes office.

Gov.-elect Henry told the *Daily Oklahoman* he is willing to meet with tribal leaders. "I would anticipate meeting with tribal officials early in my administration," Henry said. "This is an important issue. It brings revenue into the state, and we definitely want to talk about this more."

The latest actions occurred against a backdrop in which the Oklahoma state

government is considering proposals to increase its tobacco taxes by as much as \$1 per pack — \$10 per carton.

The proposal is being viewed both as a revenue-raising measure for a state government hit hard by tax collection shortfalls and as an attempt to cut the number of Oklahomans who smoke.

With their take from tobacco taxes pegged at 75 percent of the state tax, tribal governments should experience an increase in revenues if the state tax is increased.

However, there is a potential problem for the 12 tribes whose compacts are now expiring. It could take some time for the Oklahoma government to increase its tax.

The state constitution requires that tax increase proposals that pass the legislature but don't receive 75 percent approval in each house go to a statewide vote. It's not clear whether that election would be scheduled in 2003 or 2004.

If the state's percentage of the tobacco tax revenue collected in Indian Country goes up before the state tax increases, tribes forced to remit a higher percentage would see their tobacco tax receipts decrease.

Barnett said the Keating administration mailed letters formally terminating the dozen compacts to prevent their rolling over for another 10 years under current terms. The compacts contain a clause allowing either party to terminate them by providing a six-month notice.

Otherwise, the compacts renew with existing terms for an additional 10 years.



Kirke Kickingbird, former Indian Affairs counsel to then-Gov. Frank Keating, told those at the meeting he believed the Keating administration was seeking as much as a doubling of the amount of tobacco tax the tribes remit to the state.

Vote Jim Snow

Business Committee Position 2

Hard-Working, Committed, A Strong Leader, Honest

A devoted husband, father, son and brother.

An active member of the community as a farmer and business owner.

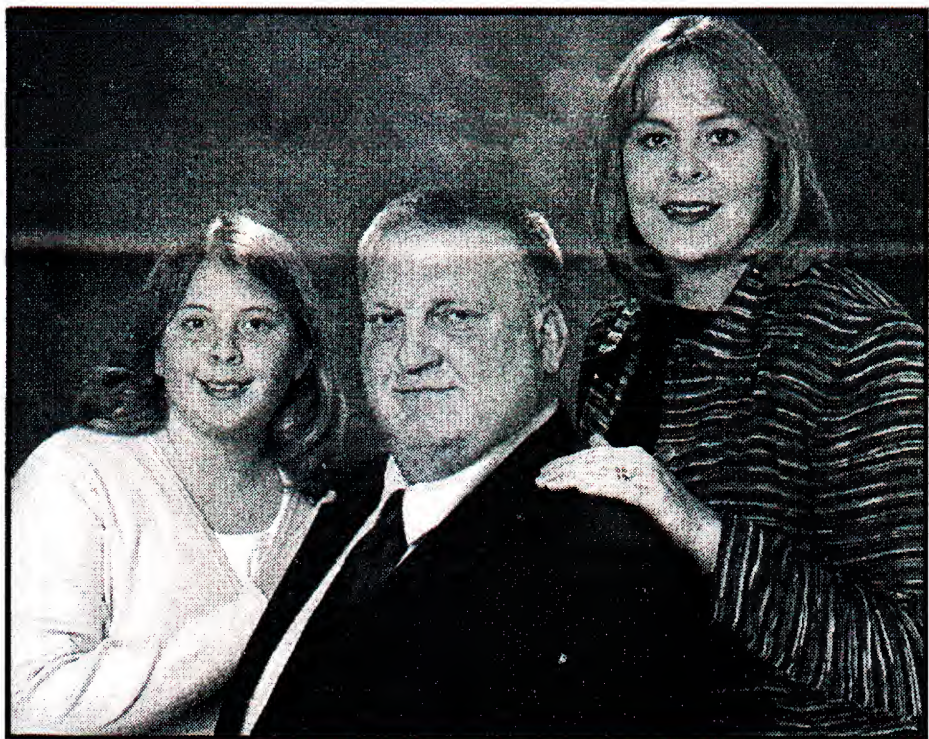
**A concerned friend and neighbor to Citizen Potawatomi Nation members
across the United States.**

Someone who cares for the future of our children, our elders, and our tribe.

"I would be proud to serve the Citizen Potawatomi Nation as a member of the Business Committee. I am not part of the infighting within the Business Committee. I will work hard to see that all members of the Business Committee and the tribe are pulling in the same direction.

"As an advocate for the people, I am committed to preserving our heritage and planning for our future. I would like to see more educational opportunities for our children so they are better prepared to face the challenges of the world today. In addition, we need to take care of our elders by providing additional housing for them. I support the new constitution and regional representation in a Citizen Potawatomi legislature. Until we approve the new constitution, though, we must strictly adhere to our existing constitution. It is our law, and a tribe without laws is not a government.

"I would like to see services made available to more tribal members across the United States. I look forward to meeting you and would appreciate your support in the upcoming election." - Jim Snow



Jim Snow, with daughter Jordyn, left, and wife Jeralyn

Jim Snow was born and raised in Lexington, Oklahoma, just west of Pottawatomie County, where he continues to reside today. He is the husband of Jeralyn Snow and the father of one daughter, Jordyn, who is 10 years old. He is the son of Wyman and Alleen Snow of Lexington, the grandson of the late Mabel B. Sanders Snow and a descendant of the Tromble and Spears families. Jim graduated from Lexington High School, was a Blue Chip football player for three years, was active in vocal music and competed in the Olympics of the Mind for two years. He was also voted "Most Talented" in his graduating class. After high school, he earned a certificate in Welding from Mid-America Vocational School and attended Oklahoma City Community College. Over the years, Jim has worked in construction, in the oil field as an Assistant Driller and, for seven years for the Oklahoma Crisis Intervention Center and the Oklahoma Youth Center helping troubled children and adults cope with problems in society. He started Lexington Automotive Center in 1998, and continues to be involved with that business in addition to farming.

Southwest Regional Council Meeting



Charles and Charlotte Jasper Of Fence Lake, New Mexico Earned The Award For Being The Most Dedicated, Having Driven Some 320 Miles To Attend The Regional Meeting.



Chairman Rocky Barrett And Vice Chairman Linda Capps Wrap The Youngest Potawatomi At The Meeting, Breanna Brockie, In A Gift Blanket. Breanna Was Born May 30, 2002. She Was Seven Months, 19 Days Old That Day.



Chairman Rocky Barrett Presents The Wisest Potawatomi A Pendleton blanket. Born On Aug. 16, 1914, Eleanor Fincher Possesses Nearly 89 Years Of Wisdom.



The Liles Family Took Time From The Activities To Pose For A Family Portrait. Standing, Left To Right, Are Kelly And Bob Liles Jr. And Erin And Steven Liles. Marita And Bob Liles Sr. And McKenzie Liles Are Seated. Bob Jr. And Steven Are Bob's And Marita's Sons. Kelly And Erin Are Their Wives. McKenzie Is Bob Jr.'s And Kelly's Daughter. Bob And Marita Live In Mesa, Ariz.



Regional Representative Gene Lambert Addresses Her Fellow Citizen Potawatomis

Jim Snow, Center, A Candidate For Business Committee, Seat #2, Visits With Chairman Barrett And Regional Representative Lambert.



Phoenix Zoo - Jan. 18, 2003



Featuring mountains, cacti, and palm trees, the scene from the back balcony of the meeting room at the Phoenix Regional Zoo was gorgeous.



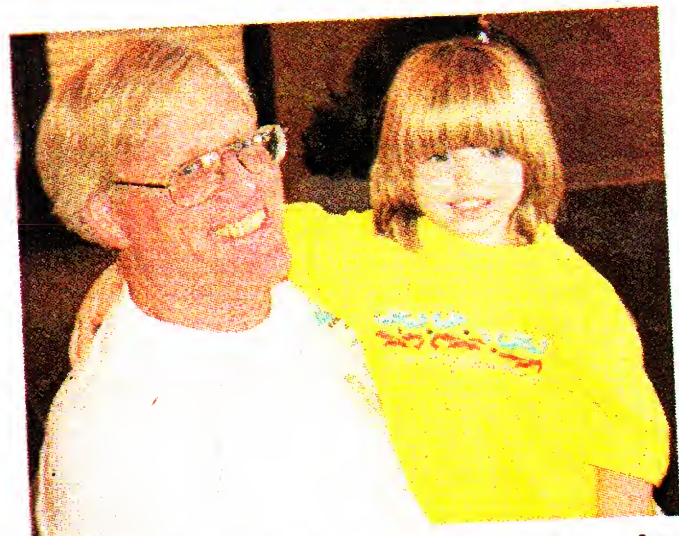
The Headquarters Crew Pauses At The Phoenix Regional Zoo Gate For A Group Photo Following A Very Successful Regional Meeting. They Are, From Left, Deputy Administrator Bob Trousdale, Networking Dept. Director J.T. Summerlin, Chairman Rocky Barrett, Secretary/Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale, Vice Chairman Linda Capps, And Tribal Gift Shop Director Leslie Deer.



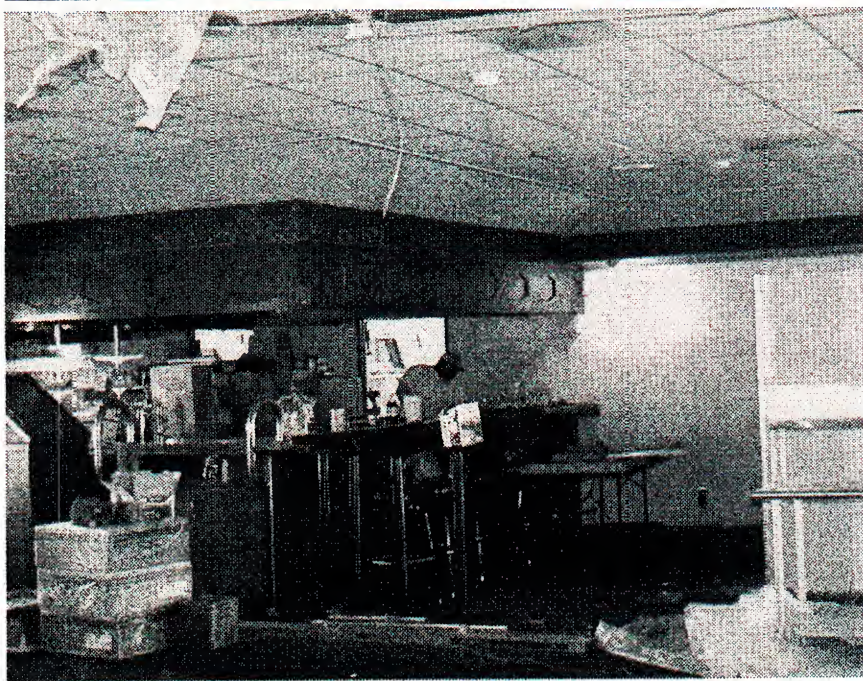
Gift Shop Director Leslie Deer Was A Swirl Of Color As She Gave A Dance Demonstration



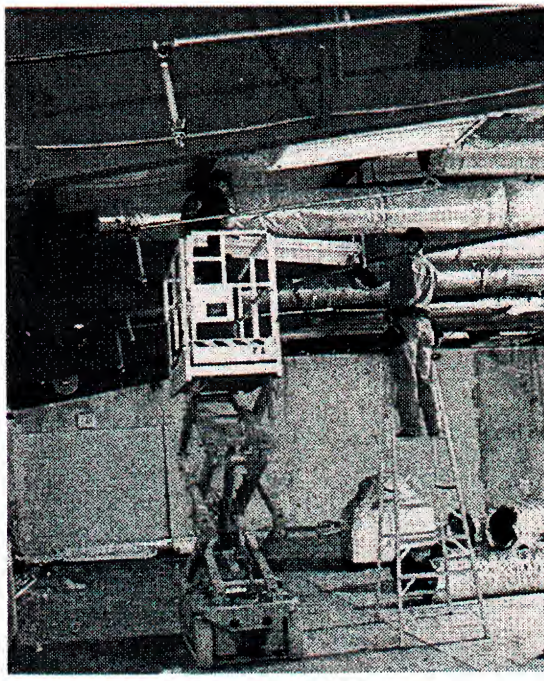
J.T. Summerlin Takes A Photo Of A Tribal Member For His Tribal ID Card



Mark Moody Of Glendale, Ariz., And Granddaughter Katie Brockie Of Phoenix Display Their Pride In Their Citizen Potawatomi Heritage.



Renovations At The Corn Dance Cafe At FireLake



Work At Expanded Casino

Construction projects show enterprise growth

Some half-dozen major new construction and renovation projects are the harbinger of expansion of Citizen Potawatomi Nation businesses and services.

These projects include construction of a new Wellness Center; construction of a new cultural center/museum; conversion of the former FireLake bowling center to additional gaming space; construction of a new FireLake Family Fun Center; renovation of the former Charlie's at FireLake Restaurant in preparation for its re-opening, with a new theme and menu; relocation of the FireLake smoke shop within FireLake Discount Supermarket; and moving the CPN-owned KGFF-AM (Legends 1450) Radio to the smoke shop's former space within the supermarket.

John A. Barrett Jr., CPN chairman, said FireLake Bowling Center closed in mid-September, making way for the FireLake Entertainment Center expansion, which is nearing completion.

The new FireLake Family Fun Center, which will include the bowling center, will be attached to the 84,000-square-foot FireLake Discount Foods, on its south side.

"It will be a 44,000-square-foot facility," Barrett said. "It will have 24 lanes of bowling, an in-line indoor skating facility with a contoured floor, an outdoor skate park and a virtual reality/electronic games center."

Before it becomes a part of the new Family Fun Center, the 24-lane Brunswick Bowling Center that is the heart of the current FireLake Bowling will be retro-fitted with electronic, touch-screen scorekeeping technology, laser lights and a new music sound system.

The 21,000-square-foot area that now houses the bowling center will be home to tournament Blackjack, tournament table games, and more than 500 new electronic Bingo games. The target date for completion is sometime early in 2004.

Cost of the new fun center and conversion of the current bowling alley into additional gaming space is estimated at \$3 million. "Cash on hand" will pay for the work, Barrett noted. The money, he

said, comes from the CPN's business enterprise profits.

"This was brought about by the major expansion of (our) RV park," he said. "We added 33 heavy-duty motor home sites on the south side of the creek. We're about to add a significant upgrade to the camping area."

The CPN has also approved funds to build a new, enclosed pavilion and to enclose the Round House, an existing facility at its powwow grounds, located just south of FireLake Discount Foods.

Barrett sees these and future developments in this part of south Shawnee creating a shopping/vacation destination. "For RV groups, we'll ask them to come and will give them a self-contained entertainment package," he said. "They can play golf, bowl, go to the other entertainment venues, game, and visit a restaurant."

Meanwhile, construction work on the Nation's CPN Fitness Center is making significant progress. A driving concept for the project has been to design a facility that will enhance services for the nation's elders and for the Title VI Elderly Meals Program, as well as for group

activities, as ways to promote health and wellness.

When complete, the facility will house a nutrition program, a kitchen area and a physical fitness work-out area. The work-out area will have free weights, universal exercise equipment, aerobics, a physical therapy pool, saunas and extended services, including health counseling and physical therapy for rehabilitation.

The Nation's planned cultural center will replace its current museum and will contain a meeting facility that will accommodate between 500 and 750 people. Two CPN buildings have been demolished to clear the way for the cultural center. One housed the museum/gift shop. The other, the former site of tribal administrative offices, also contained the CPN's Long Room, a meeting room which hosted many tribal and community functions.

Linda Capps, Potawatomi Nation vice chairman, said the nation will use its \$750,000 federal community development block grant money for Fiscal Year 2002 to build the facility. "In addition, the tribe will invest \$483,000 of our funds," Capps said.

Foster care event Set February 11

Foster care was the topic and internationally known speaker Dr. Don Bartlette delivered the keynote talk at an event in Tecumseh on Tuesday, Feb. 11. The Shawnee Area Native American Child Protection Team hosted the Foster Care Recruitment Dinner.

Janet Draper, Indian Child Welfare program director for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, said the purpose of the event was to explain the need for foster homes for Indian young people.

"We are recruiting families to participate in our foster care program," Draper said. "We need more families who are willing to provide loving homes for Indian children."

Angela Knifechief, a family preservation specialist for the CPN Indian Child Welfare program, said former foster children, current foster parents, and representatives of the Oklahoma Dept. of Human Services were on hand. They were offer a look inside the foster care system.

Bartlette spoke on "Macaroni at Midnight." It has been described as "one of the most powerful and effective training presentations in the human service field today."

In "Macaroni...", Bartlette communicates a message of hope and courage to anyone who cares for or about children. It is an autobiographical profile of Dr. Bartlette's social, psychological, and educational experiences as a Chippewa child growing up with emotional, speech, and physical disabilities in an environment of poverty, family and school violence, juvenile delinquency, child abuse, racism and alcoholism. It relates how one person in his community helped him to overcome disadvantages.

Dr. Bartlette's presentations have helped professionals, parents, and young people to understand the importance of the power of one person to make a difference in another's life. Bartlette, who is by training a social worker, counselor, and Native American activist, has given this training over 7,000 times since 1972.

"You can make a difference in a child's life" by becoming a foster parent, Knifechief said. She pointed out that foster parents receive a monthly stipend, based on the number of foster children in their home.

"A foster family can have no more than six children in the home, including its own," Knifechief explained.

Knifechief pointed out that Citizen Potawatomi Tribal members can become foster parents through the Nation's Indian Child Welfare program even if they live outside Oklahoma.

She invited anyone wanting more information about the foster parent program to call her at 405-878-4672.

The Shawnee Area Native American Child Protection Team is comprised of the Indian Child Welfare programs of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Sac and Fox Nation, Kickapoo Tribe, Absentee Shawnee Tribe, and Iowa Tribe.

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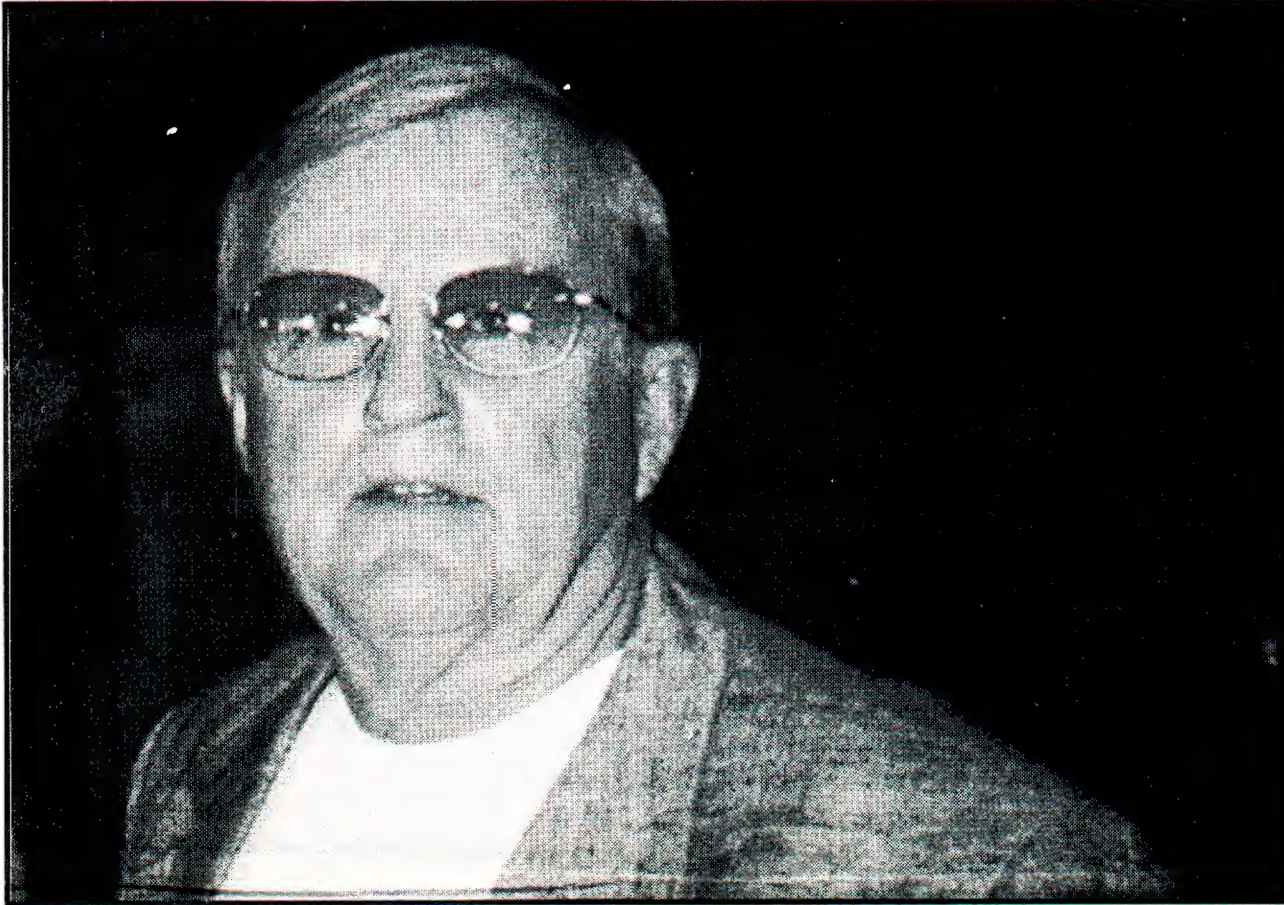
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Hilton Melot

Citizen Potawatomi Nation - Business Committee, Position #2



A vote for Hilton Melot for Business Committee is a vote for:
Experience, Continuity, & Stability
Continued Strong Economic Development
Emphasis on Education Opportunities for Tribal Members

Hilton Melot earned a B.S. in Elementary Education at Southeastern State University and a Master's Degree in Elementary Education at East Central State University. He has served his community as Past President and board member of the Tecumseh, Okla., Alumni Association and as a member of the board of directors of the South Central Workshop. He has performed many hours of volunteer work for the American Heart Association. He has chaired the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Scholarship Committee during a period of significant growth in assistance for higher education for tribal members.

"I realize that the present administration supports my opponent. I will continue to work for tribal members if I am re-elected. I have invested 18 years in helping make the Citizen Potawatomi Nation very progressive. I will maintain those goals for the advancement of all tribal members. We have come a long way in providing jobs, education opportunities, and a strong tribal government. The tribe's economic base continues to grow, and our financial assistance for tribal members' education improves every year. WHOMEVER YOU SUPPORT, PLEASE VOTE." - Hilton Melot

Paid for by Tribal Members for Hilton Melot

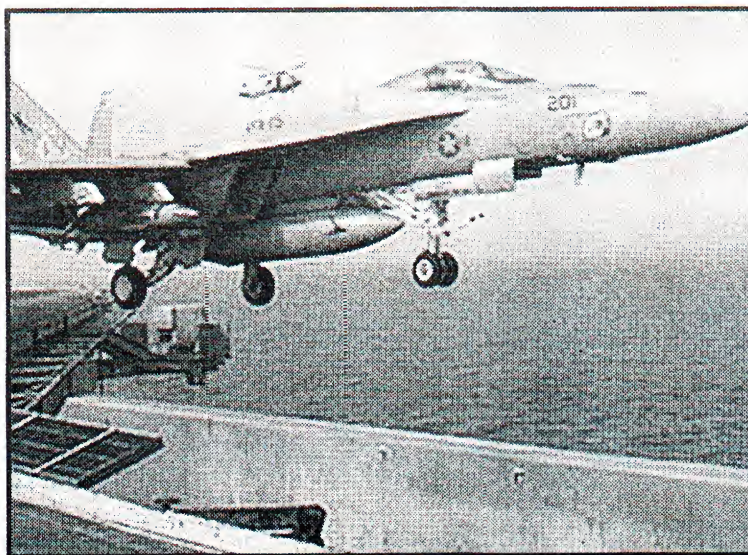
TRIBAL TRACTS

CPN soldiers' names sought

To show our support and concern for military personnel who have been deployed overseas and participating in or supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom in any manner, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation hopes to have a special care package mailed to all Citizen Potawatomis who are serving our country.

There are many special items the soldiers have found difficult or even impossible to obtain, especially those who are serving in desert environments. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation will spearhead an effort to collect and distribute items that can make our soldiers' lives overseas more comfortable and enjoyable while they are protecting our freedom.

Please submit information on any soldiers whom you would like included on the list to receive a Citizen Potawatomi Nation Care Package. We will need their



social security number, name, rank, address where they can receive the package and hometown address.

The names and addresses for any Citizen Potawatomi Nation soldier in the armed forces may be mailed to Citizen Potawatomi Nation Care Package, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801 or e-mailed to

HowNiKan@Potawatomi.org.

Historically, Citizen Potawatomi tribal members have taken great pride in being citizens of two great nations, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the United States. This is a great opportunity to show our patriotism by supporting the men and women who have volunteered to serve us.

Rights document drafted by UN group

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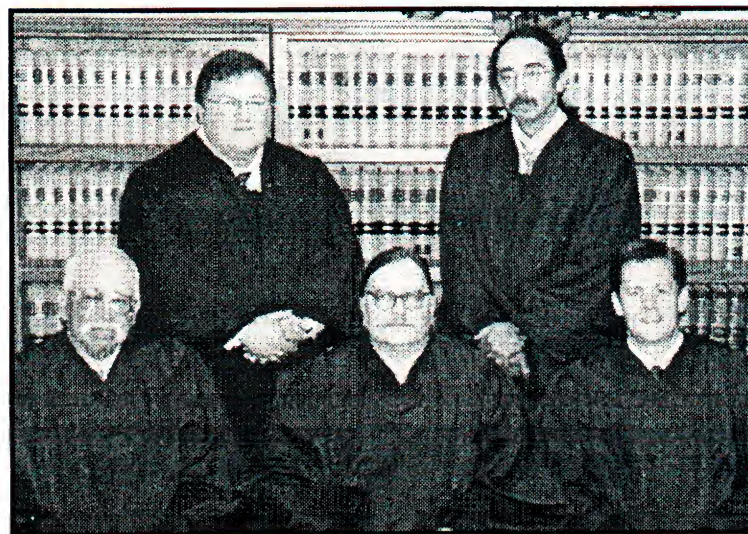
"What (the federal government) means is glorified program management," he said. "When this draft declaration says 'self-determination,' it means (actual) self-governance. They mean a return to the relationship that existed between the United States and Indian people back in the treaty days."

The declaration recognizes that indigenous peoples are nations and that they have a right to determine their own fate, Rice stated.

"I suspect that there are not a lot of tribes - probably none - that would want to say, 'Let's be our own country, thank you very much!' The (current) relationship has gone on too long," Rice said.

The indigenous peoples status envisioned in the declaration is more important as a negotiating tool. "It is the only way that very small groups of people like this can have that equal status at the (bargaining) table," he said.

As the wording of the docu-



**Tribal Supreme Court Justice William G. Rice (Center)
With Other Members Of The High Court**

ment nears its final form, Rice believes it is very important for tribal governments to have official representation at declaration working sessions.

Rice, who has attended previous meetings of the UN working group, said absence of official tribal representatives allows the U.S. ambassador to indicate his opinion is that of American Indians.

"When the ambassador gets up to speak, he can say, 'These Indians are happy in the United States,'" Rice explained. "That's literally the words that came out of his mouth the first time I was at the working group."

Rice, a resident of Cushing, Oklahoma, is a professor teaching Indian law courses at the University of Tulsa Law School.

CPN is Shawnee's 2nd largest employer

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drugs to tribal elders, and prescriptions at cost for all tribal members living outside the tribe's service area," said John A. Barrett Jr., CPN Chairman.

The Nation uses those funding sources to make a \$2,125 contribution toward home-purchase closing costs for first-time tribal-member home buyers. It also provides a \$1,000 burial benefit for tribal members.

In 2001, the Nation spent more than \$21 million on goods and services in Oklahoma. About \$1.3 million of that was spent in the Shawnee area.

The Nation is the second-largest employer in Shawnee, providing quality jobs for more than 580 Indians and non-Indians. A pending expansion of FireLake Entertainment will push that total over 600. That number does not include the 30 employees of First National Bank and Trust Co., which is wholly owned by the Nation.

"The estimated local spending impact from our employees' salaries is more than \$13.3 million," Barrett said.

In addition to the economic impact from salaries, the Nation injects more than \$18.3 million through additional federal and tribal program spending and a bit less than \$25 million in spending by its for-profit businesses.

Barrett pointed out that, in addition to this direct economic effect, the Nation provides some indirect benefits. "Without the programs and services and employment opportunities the Citizen Potawatomi Nation provides, the State of Oklahoma and its counties would be required to provide more services, at a greater expense to its citizens," Barrett said.

The Nation's businesses enhance the quality of life in the Shawnee area. They offer: a choice in shopping, dining, banking and recreation; contributions to local charitable organizations and school sports programs; local law enforcement assistance; a Summer Youth program and scholarship endowments at St. Gregory's University; a local AM broadcasting and advertising radio station (KGFF/Legends 1450); and funds totaling \$1.1 million to help build a water distribution system in south Pottawatomie County.

As part of its economic impact, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation does pay taxes and make "in lieu of taxes" payments. The Nation remitted \$308,023 in employees' state income taxes, almost \$255,000 in Oklahoma fuel taxes, and almost \$66,000 in state tobacco taxes in 2001.

In 2001, the Nation made in lieu of taxes payments totaling some \$21,269 to the Tecumseh city government as a result of the presence of its convenience store there. The total for 2002 will be \$37,500.

The Nation paid Pottawatomie County property taxes exceeding \$43,300 in 2001 for enterprises and Indian homes located on non-trust land.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation made cash and cash-equivalent charitable donations of approximately \$177,000 in 2001.



CPN Mail Bag

Dear Editor,

Since you often run pictures requesting if anyone can identify the individuals (in the photo), I was hoping that you might consider starting a continuing column where tribal members can make contact with each other to research their family roots.

I am currently researching my Peltier family. My great-great-grandfather was Alexander Peltier. He had four daughters—Alice, Caroline, Clarissa, and Catherine.

I am hoping that there is a Peltier genealogist who would contact me at TillDolly@msn.com.

Thank you,

Mary Alice Mars
Monrovia, Calif.



Dear Scholarship Committee Members:

I'd like to take a few minutes to say "Thanks" for the scholarship I received for the fall semester of 2002. With this scholarship that has been pledged by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, I will be able to continue my studies, in business, here at Point Loma Nazarene University. Through my education, I have gained the necessary skills to be able to compete in the job market.

With your scholarship, I will be able to graduate this spring with my Bachelor of Arts degree. This journey has not been an easy one, but one I am most proud of. Thank you once again for supporting the "next generation."

Sincerely,

Sarah Boland, student
Point Loma University
San Diego, CA



Dear Scholarship Committee Members:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for choosing me as a recipient of your scholarship. Your financial assistance has enabled me to continue my higher education at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. The opportunities your scholarship provides are a great asset in preparing for my future. Again, thank

you so much for all your help, not only with my education but that of other recipients.

Sincerely,

Candice S. Forthman
Mount Ida, Arkansas



Dear Scholarship Committee Members,

Thanks so much again for the \$300.00 scholarship to help with my college education. This gift of money helps me to someday work in the medical profession.

I am proud to be part of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Thanks so much again!

Sincerely,

Courtney Brooke
Hazelbaker



Dear Scholarship Committee Members,

Thank you very much for the generous financial assistance that you have provided me. The law school at University of Utah provides many challenges; it is nice to have some help from the extended family with the financial ones.

Sincerely,

Mathew Higbee
Salt Lake City, Utah



Dear Scholarship Committee Members,

Thank you so much for the scholarship award. I am so excited to be selected for the tribal scholarship. I really appreciate all your support and encouragement with my graduate degree. The award money will be extremely beneficial toward my education expenses and endeavors.

Sincerely,

Mary Ragsdale



Dear Scholarship Committee Members,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for contributing to our college education. With three in college, the money is very much appreciated.

Thank you.

Allison J., Kally J. and
Rance E. Pappan

Dear Scholarship Committee Members,

Thank you so much for awarding me your scholarship. I really appreciate your help!

Sincerely,

Traci Huffman



Mr. Charles Clark
Scholarship Foundation
Citizen Potawatomi Nation
Dear Mr. Clark,

I want to thank you and the scholarship committee for the award of \$300.00 you have granted me toward my studies at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University this semester. I appreciate your vote of confidence in me and your support and encouragement for my ministry goals.

Please know your gift will be put to good use towards these goals.

May God continue to bless you to be a blessing.

Grace and Peace,

Michelle D. McCarty
Dallas, Texas



Dear Scholarship Committee Members,

I would like to thank the members of the Scholarship Committee for the friends that were provided to promote my education. The contributions will help financially and emotionally. You do make a difference in our lives. I Gwi Yen (I am grateful).

Walter R. Beach



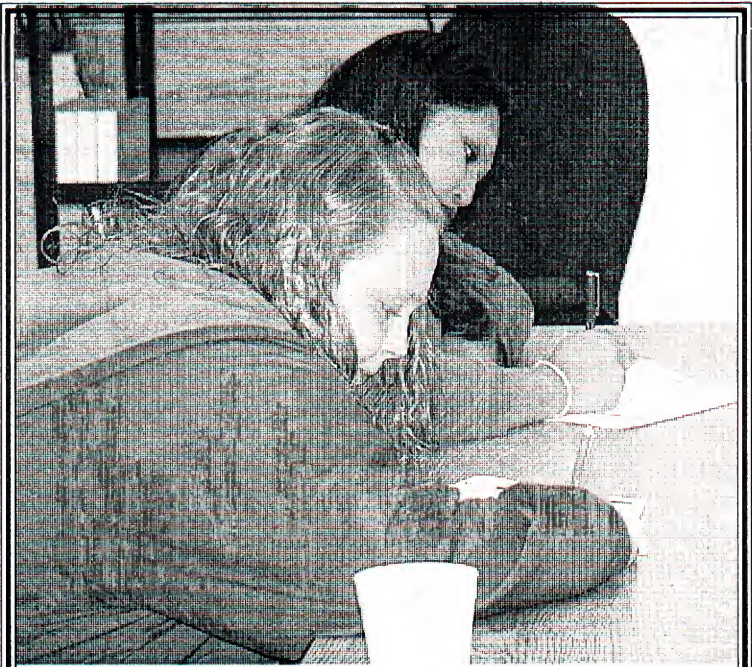
To Whom It May Concern:

Hello, my name is Leslie Bernbaum, and I am with Soldier Creek Elementary School in Midwest City, Oklahoma.

We held our annual Fall Carnival this November 1st. On behalf of Mr. MacDonald's sixth-grade class, we would like to thank you for your donation of two greens fees for the FireLake Golf Course, which were used in our "Golf Basket".

With the support from Citizen Potawatomi Nation, the PTA's Silent Auction was able to raise \$1700! Thank you for your time and efforts in making our PTA Silent Auction and Fall Carnival a success.

Leslie Bernbaum,
Volunteer



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WELCOME, NEW CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION ENROLLEES!

The following tribal members were enrolled under previous guidelines on December 4, 2002: Stevi Machel Ann Nunley, Eugene Darrill Wright, Jerry Lee Wright, Cecil Claude Carr, Mary Jo Stanton, Esther Denise Levier, Wanda Mae Cannon and Toni Ann Stiles.

The following tribal members were enrolled by descendency on December 4, 2002: Spring Marie Holloway, Michael Patrick Berry, Brian Keith Berry, Braelyn Genevieve Smith, Paul Jacob Schaub, Spencer Mark Wallace, Bryce Daniel Wallace, Allie Nichole Hudson, David Edward Lopuszanski, Brian James Lopuszanski, Kevin Allen Lopuszanski, Justice Dax O'Neal, Harley Shelayne O'Neal, Paul Louis Sparks, Phillip Joseph Sparks, Kelly Lynn Long, Brandon William Long, Tori Shandell Long, John Patrick Thomasson, Kathryn Amanda Thomasson, Amarah Lynn Young, Levi Jeffery Hill, Ethan Bradley Long, Shawn Renee Griffin, Mary Elizabeth Cadwallader, Stephen Allen Eugene Spitulski, Claudia Lynn Blevins,

Johnie Alexandra Baker, Brycen Wade Beall, Brhett McKenzie Beall, Aften Paige Schoemann, Cody Dillon Schoemann, Alexander Cole Schoemann, Mandy Lynn Quail, Zachary Lane Borrer, Ashton Paige Cockrell, Tacy Lynn Bennett, Cody Don Bennett, Emily Carolyn Crook, Gage Edward Loudermilk, Trevor David Kinnett, Brandon Scott Kinnett, Abigail Paige McCarroll, Pamela Gene Jankowski, Alyssa Ann Delozier, Heather Lynne Lewis, John Charles Narcomey Jr., Chase Delaine Edmondson, Olivia Faith Edmondson, Mercedes Leigh-Ann Bramlage, Darin Lynn Bennett, Brice Alan Bennett, Louise Marie Steinbach, Robert James Destree, Brittany Jean Destree, Sean Thomas Korzeniewski, Rory O'Connor Korzeniewski, Earnest James Bryan Burgett, Marcella Ann Haskell, Christopher Calab Williams, Cady Zoe Dennett, Jess Leonard Torres, Jeremy Dale Cheatwood, Laramie William Cheatwood, Rachel Amanda Cheatwood, Raeley Ann Kirk, Peyton Wayne Harris, Nathan James Lyons-Kebert, Benny Wayne Creech Jr., Christine Marie Simecka, Tyler James King, Murray Davis Stout, David Lee Stout, Anna Nichelle Stout, Alexandria Lee Lawson, Cooper Lee Lawson, Braden Alexander Bruehl, Lilyana June Moody, Blakelee Hope Sands, Nicholas Aaron Slavin, Wilburn Anthony Schmidkofer, Robert Blake Schmidkofer, Daegan Wren Dean Carter, Thomas Thrasher Caldwell, Jade Marie Slavin, Haley Jo Jensen Fleming, Taylor Christine Berry, Katelyn Faith Berry, Michelle Renee Martinez, Maria Isabella Lee, Shawn Michael Smith, Jaimee Lee Copenhaver, Braden Michael Kritkausk, Lawrence Michael Koster Jr., Dylan Ives Saxman, Joshua Beamer Caldwell, Zachery Austin Owen, Julia Darling Hillabrant,

Khia Denise Tyler, Megan Nicole Holzmeister, Sarah Michelle Holzmeister, Linda Christie Ingold, Jason Paul Phillips, Cassie Danae Brewer, Victoria Marie Schroepfer, Benjamin Payne Hunn, Sarah Elizabeth Hunn, Joshua Michael McClellan, Tera Lynn Utley, Matthew Ryan Utley, Mark Robert Utley, Peyton Lee Phillips, Lisa Marie Regis, Michael Joseph Degand III, Alicia Marie Degand, Jacob Ethan Kinslow, Parker Eric Greenwood, Michael Timothy Conroy Jr., Paige Rene Fisher, Michael Patrick Washburn, Daniel James Todd, Eric Dean Christensen, Lyndsey Marie Turley, Sandra Annette Butler, Julianna Marie Groves, Brian Keith Cunningham, Curtis Wayne Cunningham, Kevin Le Cunningham, Calab Wayne Cunningham, Isabella Rose Loretz, Jacob Dillon Holloway, Hanna Marie McBride, Lauren Barbara McDonald, Thomas Berton McCauley, Richard Beck McCauley, William Bernard McCauley, Katie Nicole Stanton, Grace Ellen Stanton, Nicholas Taylor Stanton, Taletha Denine Levier, Tristian James Levier, Montana Zane Dinsmore, Deanna Twilla Barton, Crystal Lee Cannon, Carissa Leann Cannon and Caylin Aubrey Burgett, Julie Lynne Ferguson, Verna Denise Jones, Charles Elliot Jones, Mindy Mae Hudson, Carrie Jean Moore, Rebecca Lee Moore, Paige Arlene Moore, Jeffery Quinton Moore, Nikki Rochelle Gearey, Julie Anne Diethrich, Lori Kathleen Love, Patrick Wayne Love, Bryant Allen Love, Jacob Tyler Sellers and Cynthia Ann Watts.

The following tribal members were enrolled by descendency on January 15, 2003: Evangelina Ora Nancy Maldonado, Hailey Blaize Osborn, Kyra Grace Andrews, Harley Leya Kell, Kellie Marie Galley, Kenneth Leland Lynch II, Bailee Renee Loveless, Bradley Wayne Smith, Megan Nicole Cadwallader, Lauren Gabrielle Cadwallader, Samantha Michelle Cline, Dakota Bo Handy, Jon Reinhardt, Alexander Clayton Schmidt, Phillip Dean Schmidt, Bryce Avery Clark, Lisa Renee Fry, Kyle Preston Fry, Dalton James Lester, Trevor Eugene Lester, Skylar Dane Lester, Kade Henry Lowden, Makenzie Jo Yort, Langston Cole Yort, Terrecia Lynn Bornn, Jessica Kathleen Bornn, Jason Dale Bornn, Kameron Dallas Weimer, Breanna Dawn Bocker, Callie Maeanna Madeline Baker, Logan Elizabeth Krivanek, Louis William Krivanek IV, Brenna Sue Kelly, Jonathan Louis Patton, Erika Desirae Ann Keese, Tara Marie Bell, Wanda Jean Rath, Kristen Rae King, Jason Alexander Mumme, Summer Nicole Mumme and Ethan Jace Mumme.

The following tribal members were enrolled by descendency on February 5, 2003: Lalena Noelle Cunnison, Donovan John David Cunnison, Henry Errett Williams III, Derrick Robert Williams, Parker

Anthony Shell, Kateline Joy Culwell, Carter Ryan Loudermilk, Denin James Barwick Cindy Ann Darcy, Jamie Nicole Hilterbran, Rebecca Lynn Hilterbran, Kristina Gail Hilterbran, Carmen LaDell Graham, Audra Marne' Dickman, Alycia Louise Dickman, Wayne Allen Dickman, Kaitlyn Rachelle Gregg, Caleb Aaron Gregg, Tiffany Bryanne Halterman, Liam Alexander Wrixon, Wyatt Alexander Ward, Rachel Savannah Byrd, Ashton Lyn Rice, Parker Glenn Hulin, Tim Castaneda, Timmy Jzepau Castaneda, Canyon Garrett Faulkenberry, Courtney Rae King, Cara Nicole King, Cody Allen King, River Stone Ross, Kylee Makenna Greenwalt, Justin Lee Cavin, Donald Lee Carroll Jr., Josef Anthony Carroll and Calleen Rayna Carroll.

The following tribal members were enrolled under previous guidelines on February 27, 2003: Karl Edgar Mathes, Robert Earl Steele, Marjorie Anna Marquis Carr, Carolyn Cecilia Marquis Simon, Phyllis Elaine Marquis Dennis, Philip Raymond Marquis, Sheryl Lynn Cease and Donna Jean Wooten.

The following tribal members were enrolled by descendency on February 27, 2003: Talynda Faith Grayson, Calvin Elic Stites, Kyle Garrett Stites, Gregory Guy Wolfe, Brenner Guy Wolfe, Ketcher Scott Wolfe, Abby Elizabeth Day, Emily Carolyn Day, Christy Marie Day, Thomas Houston Day, Anna Darleen Day, Bethany Faith Day, Alison Leigh Higgins, Stephanie Elaine Higgins, Katie Elizabeth Higgins, John Robert Hendren, Mark Allen Hendren, Alexia Lauren Cowden, Cole Joseph-Randall Skelly, Joseph Charles Herndon, Chelsey Clore Dawn Herndon, Joshua Evan Bumgarner, Michelle Marie Lacombe, Anthony Robert Lacombe, Kristin Danielle Jones, Angelic Christina Boffill, Alanis Mae Barnett, Lindsay Danille Ayer, Darrin Michael Decker, Nickolas Mitchel Decker, Braydn Derek Decker, Ronald Todd Lay-

man, Kenneth Wayne Cunningham II, Tara Janae Williams, Carrie Ann Koehl, Cooper John Bohannon, Kulson Rowdy Yates, Karen Sue Cheney Karen Deann Simecka, Sierra Dawn Horton, Aaron Lee Shelton Jr., Titus Lynn Pruitt, Emily Noelle Schwindt, Jessi Kaelyn Winter, Korey James Keen, Tonja Rochelle Toumasis, Dustin Lee Keen, Brianne Aline Culwell, John Burdett McCormack, Mark Allen McCormack, Karen Marie McCulloch, Ashley Nicole Bettig, Jennifer Michelle Bettig, Shawn David Bettig, Michael Andrew Scott, Troy Keith Garrison, John Christopher Gillmore, Rachel Kae Gillmore, Amber Christine Gillmore, Elisha Mackey Griffith, Jack Jerome Martin, Levi Dean Martin, Jackson Thomas Corwin Martin, Abbygail Michelle Martin, Jesie Eugene Dick, Caitlyn Desiree Cheatwood, Nathan Justin-Taylor Fisher, Che'bon Little-Creek Fisher, Anzhini Ranae Loftis, Yisrael Jelani Warren, Yumani Jamei Warren, Cecil Jessie Jennings, Gregory Joseph Schonefeld, Noelle Kathleen Schonefeld, Haylie Marie Barnett, Matthew Ryan Dean, Emmitt Wayne Staley and Corey Dale Wood.

The following tribal members were enrolled by descendency on March 12, 2003: Paul Adrian Foster, Gretchen Marie Foster, Coleeta Gabrielle Nicole Baptiste, Ryan Taylor Pendergraft, Destiny Marie Duggan, Desirea Montana Duggan, Kyle Gregory Fackrell, Krista Lynn Fackrell, Mitchel Lee Beasley II, Samuel Holden Tade, Casey Lee Malone, Kynse Lain Glasgow, Gregory Edward Howell, Alexia Marih Howell, Alyssa Rose Kohler, Christalily Dawn Marie Harris, Shelby Danyell Harris, Dylan Andrew Harris, Alyssa Michelle Harris, Molly Ann Iott, Hayden Brianne Stone, Christy Renee Cook, Dakota Storm Gormly, Jeremie Josiah Herandez and Cassi Jo Robbins.

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DOCTOR'S NOTES

CPN Health Services

Greetings from all of us at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Services (CPNHS) – your primary care provider. In this, the first edition of a regular *How-Ni-Kan* feature, I want to describe some of the services provided by the CPNHS staff, explain some of our policies governing access to the clinic and our appointment system, and finish with a brief piece on the ways the clinic staff serves you and your family.

The CPN Health Services facility is at 2307 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., about one-half mile south of the tribal headquarters complex. Our building was completely remodeled and greatly expanded in 1999 to accommodate your medical, dental, and employee health clinics, as well as the behavioral health, substance abuse, contract care, and public health departments, all under one roof.

The one-stop clinic fosters a true multi-disciplinary care environment supported by a well-stocked pharmacy, a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act-compliant laboratory performing a wide range of moderately-complex diagnostic tests, an X-ray suite equipped with a state-of-the-art tele-radiology capability, and a full-service audiology function.

The clinic is open from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday thru Friday. Appointments can be made by calling the clinic's central number, 405-273-5236. Dental clinic patients can schedule an appointment with the dental receptionist by calling 405-273-6337.

Pharmacy customers who need a refill of a prescription previously filled at the CPNHS pharmacy can call 405-395-9035. They should leave their full name, their prescription number, and a phone number where they can be reached. Medications will be ready for pick-up within 48 hours.

Summer is traditionally a rather slow time for primary care practices in the private sector, but not so for the CPN Health Services. Clinic employees were heavily involved in Festival 2002, manning the first aid booth for the duration of the event and conducting an open house at the clinic on Friday afternoon and all day Saturday.

Loretta Miller, RN, the clinic's project officer for Festival 2002, said "This year's CPNHS open house was a huge success! Dozens of tribal members participated in numerous health status screenings, individual counseling sessions, hearing tests, dental exams, and tours of our remodeled CPNHS facility."

Following on the heels of the Festival, CPNHS public health and medical clinic employees led by Ms. Christy Olsen, the tribe's Registered Dietician, were instrumental in planning and conducting a two-day Native Youth Preventing Diabetes (NYPD) camp at St. Gregory's. More than 70 young people attended the two-day camp, which has become an annual event sponsored by five area Native American tribes.

School and athletic physicals began in earnest in mid-July and peaked just prior to the start of school in August.

Planning for the CPNHS's second annual employee retreat spanned the entire summer and resulted in an extremely beneficial all-day event held at St. Crispin's camp near Seminole on October 1. Bill Thorne, the CPNHS Director of Health Services said, "The retreat format provided CPNHS employees an interruption-free opportunity to critically examine every aspect of the organization's operations over the past year, and to plan for the year ahead. During the retreat, participants were divided into six break-out groups and each group was assigned a specific topic or issue to 'brainstorm'."

Thorne added, "Each group then produced a formal presentation addressing the assigned subject. The ideas and suggestions which emerged from the break-out sessions will be studied, refined, and implemented within the next few weeks and will undoubtedly result in improved and expanded service for you and your family."

In one of the high points of the retreat, Thorne recognized Loretta Miller, the CPNHS Public Health Department Coordinator, for her outstanding contributions to the CPN Health Services and her devotion to providing top quality, patient-centered care during her 10 years as a Health Services employee.

Also recognized for their exemplary service were Business Office employees Terry Withrow, Coordinator, Ms. Fonda Loftis, Ms. Kathy Powell, and Ms. Christine Wood. Ms. Withrow and her team collected over a million dollars for services provided by CPNHS providers from commercial and governmental third party payers – a first for the CPNHS program.

Please look for future *Doctor's Notes* articles. We'll be featuring information on health issues in the news and will introduce members of our staff and tell you a little about their work at the CPNHS.



What's Happening Here?

New health benefit available

On November 23, 2002, a new health benefit became available for members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Through the Pequot Pharmaceutical Network, diabetic supplies are available at no cost for all those tribal members enrolled in the mail-order pharmacy program.

The diabetic supplies that are available include test strips, glucose

monitors, syringes/needles, lancets, and lancet devices.

Applications for enrollment are located on the Web at www.potawatomi.org. Or, they can be obtained by calling 405-273-5236. Those members who are already enrolled can call the 800-342-5779 toll-free number for information on how to order.

Housing Authority offers help

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Housing Authority has reminded tribal members that its Down Payment/Closing Cost Assistance Grant program is available. The program is a combination of efforts, designed to help tribal members outside the tribal jurisdiction and outside the state of Oklahoma.

"This particular program has assisted hundreds of Citizen Potawatomi Nation members," said Robert Carlile, Housing Authority director.

Any enrolled CPN member is eligible to receive this grant once. "The maximum amount is \$2,125.00," Carlile said. "That amount is not to be repaid at any time nor is there a second mortgage placed on the intended property."

The program eligibility requirements are: (1) The recipient must be purchasing, refinancing, or building a home. Mobile homes are not eligible. (2) The recipient must complete an

application, submit a copy of his CPN membership card and proper financial documents from his lender, and list the name of the closing party. (3) The home must have been built in 1978 or later, with verification provided. (4) The recipient must provide a copy of the Standard Flood Hazard Determination. (5) The recipient must request a grant to cover only "out-of-pocket" expenses. The CPNHA will not assist when otherwise eligible costs are rolled into the loan amount. (6) The recipient must submit an application within 30 days after loan closing.

"Processing time for grant applications is approximately two to three weeks," Carlile pointed out. "Checks are mailed to the address you put on the application unless other, prior arrangements have been made."

Anyone wanting an application can contact Sherry Byers at 405-878-4696 or at 800-227-8362, ext. 266.

Program helps moms graduate

When students graduated from Gordon Cooper Technology Center in Shawnee recently, three of them were mothers. The way to graduation for Cara Petty, Estee Tallbear, and Melissa Wood had been paved by a partnership between the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Employment and Training and Early Head Start programs.

The two departments teamed to assist parents in meeting their educational goals.

The three young mothers left their children at the Early Head Start program while they attended school.

"Their children received special care from our highly skilled staff," said Ethel Davis, Early Head Start program director. "The program provides an education program at no charge to low-income families and children with special needs."

The moms could study for their new careers with minds at ease because their children were in the hands of

specialists.

The Early Head Start program works with pregnant mothers-to-be and children, from birth to three years old. It has a teacher-to-student ratio of one-to-two for children birth to 24 months old and one-to-four for children 24 to 36 months old.

Early enrollment in the Pregnant Moms Program allowed Tallbear to receive services before the birth of her daughter and place the expected child on the priority waiting list for the EHS program.

Eight other mothers in the EHS program are pursuing their education, due in part to the special care their children are able to receive through the Employment and Training and Early Head Start partnership.

This is just one of several programs that the CPN has available to assist tribal members as they strive to meet their education and career goals.



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Lt. Governor praises Native Americans' fighting spirit

By MICHAEL DODSON

As several of the speakers noted, it was most appropriate that the initial public event under the new dome on Oklahoma's state capitol was the American Indian Heritage Day celebration on Monday, November 18.

The previous Saturday evening, the State of Oklahoma dedicated the dome and celebrated its 95th birthday.

The dome is topped by the magnificent 17-foot statue "The Guardian." It is an Indian warrior with his lance stuck defiantly in the earth. Sen. Kelly Haney, Seminole/Muscogee and the husband of Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Debra Haney, created "The Guardian."

American Indian Heritage Day was an opportunity for various tribes and tribal programs to share information with attendees and state capitol workers. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Fire Lodge Indian Child Welfare Program set up a booth on the capitol's first floor.

Mary Fallin, Oklahoma Lt. Governor, delivered the event's main speech. Lt. Gov. Fallin used the opportunity to praise American Indians for their historic and current contributions to America's defense.

Fallin, the only Oklahoma elected official who has attended all five American

Indian Heritage Day celebrations, hailed "the courage (of) over 220,000 Native Americans who serve, right now, for our country and our U.S. military."

Fallin said, "From the Revolutionary (War) era to the most recent effort that we've had to (combat) terrorism in our country, Native Americans have served our country honorably."

The lieutenant governor pointed out that, in per capita terms, Indians serve in the armed forces in numbers "far exceeding any other ethnic group."

"In every war and every conflict, Native American soldiers have exemplified qualities that make a warrior - spirit, honor, pride, devotion," Fallin added.

Fallin drew applause when she pointed out that Native American soldiers and sailors fought and died in World War I, even though they had not yet been granted American citizenship. Indians were not made American citizens until 1924.

In the Viet Nam War, more than 90 percent of the 1,400 Native Americans who wore armed forces uniforms did not wait for the draft. They volunteered for service.

"That is dedication. That's the warrior spirit," Fallin said. "Thank you. Thank you to all of you who have served our

country; thank you to the family members that have supported the men and women who have served our country. We honor you today as guardians of our freedom."

Crystal Danelle Cato, the new Miss Indian Oklahoma, read Gov. Frank Keating's proclamation declaring November "Native American Heritage Month."

"Whereas, from the first native peoples who walked this land thousands of years ago to the tribal leaders of today, Oklahoma's past, present, and future are its Native Americans," Cato read.

The proclamation also recognized the fact that Oklahoma is home to more than

25,000 Native American veterans, from the Civil War time through today.

The proclamation encouraged readership about "the history, conditions, and spirit of Native Americans in Oklahoma."

The American Indian Heritage Day audience was also treated to three gorgeous songs, performed in their native language, by the Cherokee Indian Children's Choir. At the Native American Music awards ceremony in Wisconsin, the choir earned the first-ever Nammy in the new Gospel Music category.

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Tammy Wood Of The CPN WIC Program, Shelly Schneider, WIC Program Director, and Tracy Haney of the CPN Indian Child Welfare Program Provided Information At A Booth At The Native American Heritage Day.



Colorful Native Dancing Was A Highlight Of The Activities